



# Veterans of the Vietnam War

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NEWSLETTER

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## *2014 Dues are overdue and payable now...*

### MARK YOUR CALENDARS

**April 17<sup>th</sup>, 2pm** – Ground Breaking Ceremony at Veterans Park

**April 27<sup>th</sup>** – “Welcome Home Vets” Family Day  
PNA Park, Northeast Industrial Road, Wallingford, CT 10am.-3p.m. Car show and Motorcycles welcomed. For more info go to [info@ctwhvvd.org](mailto:info@ctwhvvd.org)

**May 6<sup>th</sup>** – Regular Meeting

**May 26<sup>th</sup>** – Middletown Memorial Day Parade.

**June 3<sup>rd</sup>** – Regular Meeting (Last meeting until September – no meeting July & August.)

**September 2<sup>nd</sup>** – Regular Meeting

**September 19-21** – Gettysburg Trip.

### DRAWING

Tom Hartke’s name was drawn at the meeting but he was not present to claim the \$50.00 prize. May drawing will be for \$60.00 and *we will draw until someone wins.* You must be present to win so come to the meetings and you may leave with \$60 in your pocket!

### MEMBERSHIP

Our Chapter is slowly growing. If you know of anyone who qualifies for membership tell them about our chapter and encourage them to join. (*Minimum of 90 days active duty between 1959-1975 with honorable discharge. Does not have to have served in Vietnam or contiguous waters*)

### FOR THE GOOD OF THE CHAPTER

Larry Riley also stated that he had spoken with Patricia Charles, Superintendent of Schools for Middletown. Students will be in school on Veteran’s Day and she was hoping that Veterans from our Chapter would go to the

schools and speak to the students. Her feelings are that the students should not forget Veteran’s Day and this is one way the students to remember them.

### COMMITTEE REPORTS

**Bingo:** The bingo season has ended for the present time. Tom Goglia discussed bingo for the coming year which begins in October. The Chapter is aware that the State of Connecticut has discontinued bingo due to cost restraints and veteran groups have taken over the event.

**Baseball Committee:** Tickets to the baseball game between the New Britain Rock Cats and the Portland Sea Dogs are still available. The game is Friday, April 18th at 6:30 PM and tickets are \$10 each. The Chapter still has about 40 tickets to sell. *Contact Jack for tickets (860) 347-8843.*

**Golf Committee:** The Save the Date cards have been sent out. *Members are encouraged to get tee sponsors and raffle prizes for this event.* Please notify Nick Cordone if you get a sponsor or raffle prize from somewhere so a list can be established to prevent multiple members from asking donors who have already been contacted. Our Chapter is a 501c(3) organization so all donations are tax deductible. Be sure donor gets a receipt identifying the Chapter and what they donated.

**Scholarship Committee:** The Veterans of the Vietnam War, Peter M. Taft Scholarship will be awarded to a student at Portland High School. The Guidance Page 2

Counselor is very excited and enthusiastic to have PHS chosen to receive this scholarship and will select the

recipient and notify the Chapter in late April/early May. It was proposed and approved the scholarship amount be increased to \$1,000.00 beginning this year.

**Trip Committee:** The Chapter is planning a trip to Gettysburg in fall, September 19-20-21. Cost will be approximately \$700.00 per couple and will cover bus, hotel, and admission fees, breakfast & two dinners.

There is also a trip available on Saturday, November 8<sup>th</sup>, to the Army vs. UCONN football game at the new Yankee Stadium. Cost is \$100.00 per person to include bus, ticket and refreshments. *It is important to contact Jack Mayoros at (860) 347-8843 as soon as possible so he can reserve spaces for these trips.*

Final decision as to whether we will participate or not based on the number of people dedicated to going will be made at our next meeting, Tuesday, May 6<sup>th</sup>.

### **NICK CORDONE OFFERS TO ASSIST VETERANS**

Chapter Vice Commander Nick Cordone stated that he is working on developing a project to help All veterans who may need assistance with learning calming/coping techniques such as meditation, yoga, and possible some martial arts. The intent is to help those suffering from PTSD or other issues. More details will be announced once Nick has the program ready to begin.

### **CAMBODIA REPATRIATES REMAINS BELIEVED TO BE OF 3 MISSING AMERICAN SOLDIERS FROM THE VIETNAM WAR**

Article by: SOPHENG CHEANG , Associated Press  
Updated: April 2, 2014 - 8:30 AM



PHNOM PENH, Cambodia — A ceremony was held in Cambodia on Wednesday to repatriate what are believed to be the remains of three American servicemen who went missing in action more than 40 years ago during the Vietnam War.

The remains, in three white coffins draped with U.S. flags, were hoisted Wednesday into a C-17 military cargo plane for transport to Hawaii, where they will undergo DNA testing to try to confirm their identities. An honor guard of four currently serving U.S. servicemen carried the coffins. Some 90 Americans were listed as missing in action in Cambodia from the Vietnam War, which ended in 1975, but the remains of only 37 have been recovered and identified. The latest sets of remains were found in eastern Kampong Cham province. U.S. forces staged a brief ground incursion into eastern Cambodia in 1970 and bombed the country heavily from 1969 to 1973.

For the entire article go to:  
<http://www.startribune.com/world/253527821.html#tswvJfqyT1sM2iT.01>

### **SNOW DAY IN OUR NATION'S CAPITAL**

This man is working during a winter storm, while the rest of our Federal employees are taking a "Snow Day" off. They'll be back in session soon though, to discuss cutting his pay and benefits.



### **RUSSIAN UFO JET FIGHTER PLANES 2014**

Russian UFO Jet Fighters, UFO like aircraft at a recent airshow in Paris, Russia showed off the maneuverability of their latest jet fighters with amazing aerobatics. To watch the video click on this link below (watch all the way to the end to see helicopters as well)  
at [http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=77e\\_1389637750#DCMhgjFABUzp0Fdo.99](http://www.liveleak.com/view?i=77e_1389637750#DCMhgjFABUzp0Fdo.99)

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